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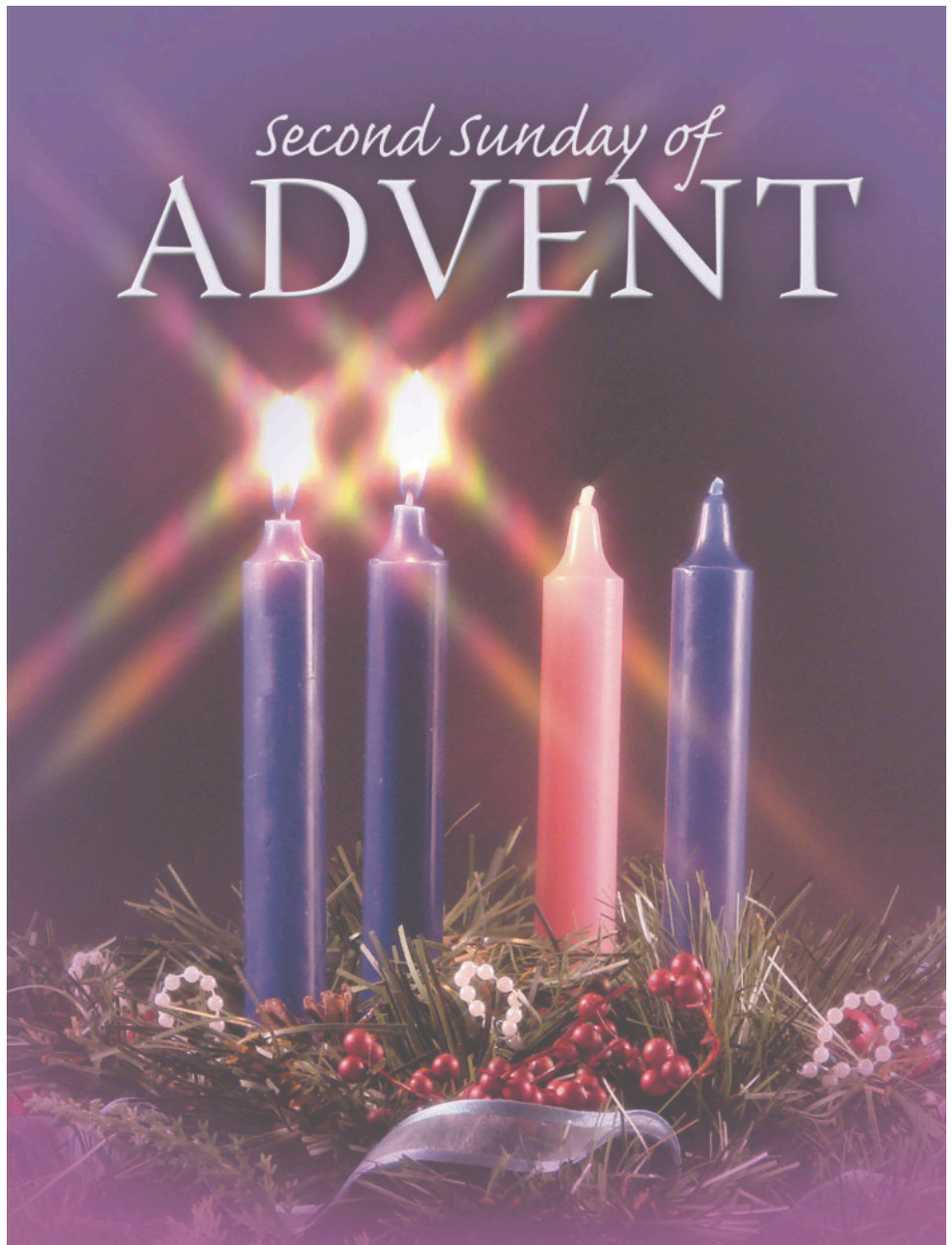
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Office Hours

Monday-Wed., Friday

9:30 am-5:30 pm

Thurs. 11:00 am-2:00 pm



Second Sunday of Advent- December 7, 2025

Dear Parish Family,

As we gather in this sacred space during the Christmas season—a time of hope, gratitude, and renewal—we take a moment to thank each of you. Your generosity and spirit have always been the heart of our parish. Every gift, every act of kindness, every prayer you offer makes a difference.

Today, we reach out to you about our annual Christmas Gift Appeal. We invite each family, to the extent able, to consider a contribution of \$250. This is not a floor or a ceiling—every gift, no matter the amount, is deeply appreciated and will help us reach our goal together.

This year, funds collected in the Appeal will be dedicated to a project that will brighten our church—literally and spiritually. We are replacing the outdated fluorescent bulbs in our beautiful lanterns with new, state-of-the-art lighting, and enriching the peripheral lighting as well, especially in the Sanctuary. These upgrades will not only enhance the beauty of our worship space, but will also foster new accents and create a more welcoming, prayerful environment for all our liturgies.

The new technology will allow us to better optimize the lighting for different occasions, making every celebration, whether it a baptism, wedding, or weekly Mass, even more special!

The success of this project will rely heavily on you—your faith, your commitment, and your love for our parish.

On behalf of Father Bryan and the Finance Council, thank you for considering this appeal. May God bless you and your families this Christmas season.

Thank you for all you do for Our Lady of Czestochowa.

The Parish Finance Council



MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 6 - DECEMBER 14

SATURDAY 5 PM EVA BLACK
 DEC 6 FROM LINDA BLACK

SUNDAY 10:00 AM ROBERT ST. JOHN
 DEC 7 FROM OLC FINANCE COUNCIL
 12:30 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY 12:30 PM. JOHNNY Y. LEUNG
 DEC 8 FROM ANNA MAE STEFANELLI
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

TUESDAY 12:30 PM SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF
 DEC 9 DR. VIC JOSEPH
 FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA

WEDNESDAY 12:30 PM SIWIK FAMILY
 DEC 10 FROM DONNA SIMON

THURSDAY 12:30 PM JOSE FERNANDEZ ROMERO
 DEC 11 FROM PATRICIA MERCURI

FRIDAY 12:30 PM. ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS
 DEC 12 DR. VIC JOSEPH &
 ANDREA SELVARAJA
 FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA

SATURDAY 5 PM JONI VICENTE
 DEC 13 FROM LAURA CZYSZ & KEN HEISER

SUNDAY 10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 DEC 14 12:30 PM MARGARET LARGEY
 FROM PAT RUBINO, DIANE STRASZ,
 BARBARA RZASKI

Sunday Scripture

December 7

Is 11:1-10

Rom 15:4-9

Matt 3:1-12

December 14

Is 35:1-6a, 10

Jas 5:7-10

Matt 11:2-11

DONATIONS



OVER THE WEEKEND OF
 NOVEMBER 29 & 30, 521 PEOPLE
 ATTENDED MASS WITH
 AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$31.29.

ONE TIME
 GIFTS AND
 VISITORS



THANK
 YOU FOR
 ALL OF
 YOUR
 SUPPORT

CONSISTENT
 SUPPORT AND
 PARISHONERS



ADVENT &

CHRISTMAS

CALENDAR @  OLC



PENANCE
 SERVICE
 DECEMBER **11**
 7PM

TREAT
 YOURSELF
 TO THE
 GIFT OF
 GOD'S
 MERCY



THE FESTIVAL
 OF CHRISTMAS
 SONG



DECEMBER **14**
 4PM



TIDINGS OF
 GREAT JOY

DECEMBER **24**
 MASS 5PM



25 MASS
 12MIDNIGHT
 11:30AM

2025
THE FESTIVAL OF
CHRISTMAS SONG

Next

SUNDAY

SING
ALONG
TO ALL THE
HOLIDAY
CLASSIC!

BRIDINGS
OF GREAT
JOY!

OUR 30TH ANNUAL

A NEIGHBORHOOD TRADITION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 4PM
FREE ADMISSION



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OLC Kids' Bulletin!

Happy Advent!



Our new church calendar year began on November 30 – the first Sunday of Advent, when we start to prepare for Christmas.



Some Things to Know About Advent:

Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'coming' – we prepare for Jesus, who is coming to change the world!

- It starts on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30th). It can begin as early as November 27th or as late as December 3rd.
- There are two things to look forward to with Advent:
- It emphasizes both the celebration of Christ coming into the world as a man and also the second coming, when He will return.
- The first Christians did not celebrate Advent as we do today. The first celebration of Advent began in France in the 300s. The time before Epiphany (January 6th) was used as a time of preparation for Baptism. It was called "St. Martin's Lent" for the 40 days that started on November 11th, feast of St. Martin of Tours.
- In Rome in the 600-700s, Pope Gregory I helped make Advent more popular by writing prayers and starting traditions of preparation for Christmas.
- The weeks of Advent are associated with different graces and gifts: week 1 is hope; week 2, faith; week 3, joy (the pink one!); and week 4, peace.

Have questions?

You can write your questions on a gift envelope and leave it in the basket during Mass!



The Jesse Tree

The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."



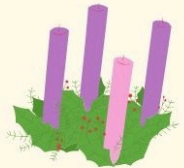
Advent Activity Suggestions

Keep a "Good Deeds" stocking or Advent calendar. Write down one kindness that each family member has done. Read them together at Christmas.

Make an Advent wreath together as a family.

Do you have a Nativity scene at home? Consider adding to it, moving it, or praying by it each week to mark the passing of time.

Wrap a gift from our giving tree at church, or write a note together to someone in need.



Week 1 of Advent:

HOPE

What's one way you can bring hope to someone this week?

What is something you are hoping for? Have you prayed about it?

Children's Liturgy celebrates Advent!

10 AM Mass

